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## Pocono Chamber of Commerce Honors Award Recipients at 2019 Bizzy Awards

**September 20, 2019 | Stroudsburg, PA –** The Pocono Chamber of Commerce and George Roberts Productions hosted the 2019 Bizzy Awards on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at Mount Airy Casino Resort in Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania. Over 200 Chamber Members and their guests from over 60 organizations were in attendance and enjoyed a Hollywood Academy Awards style event in the Pocono Mountains.

Over the past six months members of the Pocono Chamber of Commerce had the opportunity to enter their businesses into 14 different categories to compete for the award titles named during the September 19<sup>th</sup> awards ceremony which was broadcasted live on BRC TV 113. Categories featured at the 2019 Bizzy Awards included, Best Restaurant, Best Recreational Business, Lifetime Achievement, Best Interior Design, Best Curbside Appeal, Best Business Logo, Best Business Card Design, Best Non-Profit, Best Support Staff Person, Best New Business, Best Small Business, Best Large Business, Best Business Leader, and Best Overall Business.

Marlyn Kissner, Executive Director of the Pocono Chamber of Commerce and Elizabeth Blose, Event Planning and Logistics Coordinator of the Pocono Chamber of Commerce kicked off the night by thanking the event sponsors and partners: Bulldog Liquidators Pennsylvania, Highmark, Lehigh Valley Health Network, St. Luke's University Health Network (Emmy Sponsors), First Northern Bank & Trust, PPL Electric Utilities (Golden Globe Sponsors), Adam's Outdoor Advertising (Golden Globes Partner), Kalahari Resort (Band Sponsor), Barley Creek Brewing Co. (Cocktail Hour Sponsor), Gla-Maud Ford Foundations (Sundance Sponsor), and A Green Studios, My Girl Management Services (Cannes Sponsors). Kissner thanked the dignitaries and special guests in attendance: Honorable William J. Kissner (Carbon County Magisterial Judge), April Niver (Congressman Matt Cartwright's Office), Mackenzie Strunk (State Representative Rosemary Brown's Office), Claudette Williams (Mount Pocono Borough Councilwoman), Tony lannelli (President & CEO, GLVCC), Chris Barrett (President & CEO, PMVB), Dr. Marcia Welsh (President, ESU) and Jeff Box (President & CEO, NEPA Alliance). Blose continued the welcome by thanking all of the 2019 event partners: Blue Ridge Communications TV 13, George Roberts Productions, Mount Airy Casino Resort, Pocono Record, Sherman Theatre, Soundbar Entertainment, VIP Studios, Web Leaps, and Mount Airy Casino Resort.

The evening featured a comedic video produced by George Roberts Productions highlighting the Pocono Chamber of Commerce (PCC) staff, board members, sponsors, and nominees. Guests celebrated some of the Poconos most successful businesses, both large and small. After guests enjoyed a delicious three course meal and enjoyed music compliments of the "Somethin' Else" George and Connie Roberts of

George Roberts Productions started the live broadcast with multiple jokes creating a roar of laughter from the audience. During the duration of the live broadcast presenters from over 20 different Chamber Member organizations reviewed the nominees of each category and called the award winners to the stage. Bizzy Award Winners were invited up to the stage one by one to offer the crowd words of gratitude, some even shared the secrets of their successes.

The Pocono Chamber of Commerce invites the community to congratulate the 2019 Bizzy Award Winners: Kalahari Resort – Double Cut Charcoal Grill (Best Restaurant), Camelback Resort (Best Recreational Business), Riley & Company (Lifetime Achievement), St. Luke's Hospital – Monroe Campus (Best Interior Design), Kalahari Resort (Best Curbside Appeal), Sonia's Sweet Inspirations (Best Business Logo), KMB Plumbing, Electrical & HVAC (Best Business Card Design), Monroe County Meals on Wheels (Best Non-Profit), Bobby Fluegel – Barley Creek Brewing Company (Best Support Staff Person), Bulldog Liquidators Pennsylvania (Best New Business), My Girl Management Services (Best Small Business), Great Wolf Lodge (Best Large Business), Chuck Niclaus – Barry Isett & Associates (Best Business Leader), and Pocono Raceway (Best Overall Business).

The 2019 Bizzy Awards will rebroadcast on Blue Ridge Cable TV on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 PM, Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 PM, and Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 PM. The entire show is also available on www.bizzyawards.com.

The Pocono Chamber of Commerce's mission is to act as a unified voice of business dedicated to the prosperity of all commerce leading to the enhancement of the quality of life in our region and surrounding area. The PCC faces relevant business issues each day and supports sustainable economic growth consistent with the best interest of the community. The PCC welcomes both small and large businesses to join the Chamber make the Pocono region prosper.